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metal base, thus closing an electrical circuit. On previous orders the plant was allowed to deliver tanks with up to 18 such holes, but with the current order the requirement has been eased to allow up to 30 holes. When holes are found, they are plugged with soft gold (Weichgold).

6. The metal plates out of which the tanks are made are pressed by a firm in Mittweida. One shift is sufficient to assemble one complete tank, and one further shift can complete enameling the inside of it.
7. Fifty tanks are now stored in natural caves in the vicinity of Blankenburg/Harz, reportedly awaiting warmer weather before shipment to the USSR because of the danger of the enamel cracking.
8. Since about July 1952 the General-Director of EHW Thale has been (fnu) Semenenko. (fnu) Sellin, a German, was formerly employed by the Soviet Control Commission, Halle, to accept these tanks. He is now in charge of the tank production program itself at Thale.
9. The tanks are mounted on wooden horses, crated, and shipped by rail. The word "Moscow" appears on the crates. Each tank is stamped at the plant with an oblong stamp with the words "Export-Thale".
10. It is rumored at EHW-Thale that a new order is to be placed at the plant for a number of even larger acid-resistant tanks, over six meters long, with a volume of 25,000 liters. These are spoken of at the plant as "cider tanks" (Mosttanks).

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